

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application and for the courteous telephone interview conducted on January 15, 2008. During the telephone interview, claim 29 was discussed, along with the applied references, principally US 5687764 (Tanaka). It was agreed that claim 29 would be amended as it has now been amended; claim 29 as now presented more clearly defines over Tanaka because Tanaka does not have the partition in the normal condition extending across the entire inside diameter of the valve chamber and thereby sealing a pathway between the inlet and the outlet. At the end of the interview, the Examiner agreed that the amended language of claim 29 appears to define over the applied references and that she would now do more searching. Since claim 29 now defines over the applied art, including Tanaka, this also obviates the double patenting rejection, which was based on Tanaka.

Since claim 29 as now presented defines over the art of record, it is believed to be in condition for allowance. All the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 29 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. Since the claims are now in condition for allowance, the Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested. If any further fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. GAMB-42880US2.

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